

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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To inform Members of Development Control Performance for 2010/11 against Best Value Performance Indicators

Recommendation: That the report be noted.

Resource Implications: Nil

1.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 Speed of Determination of Planning Applications

	4th Quarter (January-March)	Cumulative (April-March)
PI 157 (a)		
Major planning applications dealt With < 13 weeks	100% (3 out of 3)	77.8% (21 out of 27)
Target is 60%		
Top quartile is 81.64%		
PI 157 (b)		
Minor planning applications dealt With < 8 weeks	89.6% (43 out of 48)	93.1% (175 out of 188)
Target is 65%		
Top quartile is 84.04%		
PI 157 (c)		
Other planning applications dealt With < 8 weeks	96.21% (50 out of 52)	95% (244 out of 257)
Target is 80%		
Top quartile is 92.12%		
PI 204		
% of planning appeals allowed	0% (all 4 appeals dismissed)	0% (all 7 appeals dismissed)
Target is 25%		

- 1.1.1 It can be seen that top quartile performance has again been achieved in respect of “minor” and “other” planning applications whilst performance in respect of “major” applications (77.8%) fell slightly below the top quartile threshold of 81.64%. It should, however, be borne in mind that the number of major applications determined (27) represented a 35% increase over the

number determined in 2009/10 (20) and included such major projects as Albion Square, Whitehaven; redevelopment of the West Cumberland Hospital site and housing developments at Kells, Whitehaven.

1.1.2 Percentage of Planning Appeals Allowed

- 1.2.1 All 7 planning appeals determined in 2010/11 were dismissed. This follows the dismissal of all 6 planning appeals in 2009/10.
- 1.2.2 This 100% success rate on planning appeals lends clear support to the continued validity of the Council's planning policies.

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Background Papers: **Supporting documentation is available for inspection in the Development Control office**